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OPDX INTERNET WEBSITE (by John, K8YSE)..... The OPDX InterNet Web site has moved to a new server. Those of you who read the bulletin at http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html will be redirected to the new server at http://www.papays.com/opdx.html The redirect will continue for a few weeks but eventually you will have to use the new address in order to access the bulletin. The K8YSE Web site has been hosted at en.com for many years. The new site, however, will provide more flexibility and allow enhancements not possible on the exiting server. For now everything will appear the same. If you have any questions, please contact John at: k8yse@papays.com ADDED NOTE: The NODXA Web site has also changed. Please see URL address below.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 11/Mar, through Sunday, 18/Mar there were 234 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3D2/r, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BV9P, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0A, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/m, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH4, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T32, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZK3, ZL, ZP and ZS. PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive an additional bulletin (due to its size) with a complete

breakdown and "DXCC/Entities Chart of Activity".

3B6, AGALEGA (Update/Progress). Hans-Peter, HB9BXE, sent out a press release (3B6RF Bulletin Nr. 13) this past week. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the large release as an additional bulletin. In short, the press release states that preparations for this DXpedition is running according to plan. On April 21st, three members of the team will head for Mauritius in order to make final preparations on the spot. The rest of the crew departs on April 28th, from Zurich. The 3B6 team plans to arrive on Agalega on May 3rd and plans to be active **May 5th for 12 days**. There is the possibility of chartering an aircraft for their trip from Mauritius to Agalega, and they are still working on it. Using an aircraft will allow them 2-3 additional operating days. The crew now consists of 20 operators: HB9BQI/Rene, HB9BQW/Christine, HB9BXE/Hans-Peter, HB9CRV/Hermann, HB9HFN/ Cedric, HB9JAI/Karl, HB9JBI/Friedhelm, HB9AAQ/Fred, CT1AGF/Luis, CT1EVP/ Antonio, DL3KUD/Matthias, DL6UAA/Mart, F6HMJ/Jack, G3KHZ/Derek, NK6F/Ken, N3SL/Steve, SP9RTI/Stefan, 3B8CF/Jacky and 4X1DX/Seth. YAESU of Germany has lent them the following equipment: 6 Transceivers FT1000MP, 6 Linear Amplifiers VL1000, 6 Power supplies, 2 Transceivers FT 847 and 1 Transceiver FT 920. They will have a huge arsenal of antennas to use. The group will have 4 Diesel generators 5.5 kW each. The satellite activity from Agalega will be the first ever from this remote place. They will concentrate on using the satellite AO-10, but, however, they will also use RS-12/13 sporadically. There will also be 6 meter activity and also PSK31 since it is becoming more popular. PKS31 will be used alternately with RTTY. The PSK31 frequencies to be used are: 14068.15 kHz +/- 1.2 kHz, 21078.15 kHz +/- 1.2 kHz and 28078.15 kHz +/- 1.2 kHz. SSTV will also be used but for only 3 days. Split operation is a must for SSTV. Their complete frequency band plan can be found on the Web site at: http://www.Agalega2000.ch QSLs can be sent via the bureau or directly to: Ambrosi Fluetsch, HB9AGH, Lerchenweg 29, CH 8046 Zurich, Switzerland. For USA only via N3SL: Steve & Kimberly Larson, 22 N. Hidden Acres Drive, Sioux City, Iowa 51108. There will be a log search available during and after the operation. Please check their Web page for further developments.

3B9, RODRIGUES ISLAND. Robert, **3B9FR**, has been active recently on 17/12 meters with NO takers. Check between 24480 and 24900 kHz around 1330z. Check 17073 kHz around 0300z. He can also be found on 20/15/10 meters CW/SSB between 1230 and 1530z. QSL via Robert Felicite, Box 31, Rodrigues Island, Indian Ocean, via Mauritius.

3V8, TUNISIA (Attention YL Chasers!). YL operator Zaida has been active at the controls of **3V8BB**. You can usually find her on or around 14260 kHz between 1030 and 1300z.

3W, VIETNAM. Tom, **3W7CW**, was heard on 12 meters working simplex on 24896 kHz between 0730 and 0830z. QSL via SP5JTF. Jurgen, **3W9HRN** continues to be very active on 10 meters CW (as well as 15 meters) as early as 0630z and as late as 1300z. QSL via DL1HRN.

4S, SRI LANKA. Nelson, **4S7NE**, seems to like the 30 and 17 meters CW. Generally he can be found on/around 10103 kHz after 1200z and 18075 kHz after 1830z.

6Y8A - DXU RESULTS. Kenny, K2KW, reports that the results and photos of the **6Y8A** DXpedition University (DXU) trip can be seen on the Web page: http://www.k2kw.com DXU was the first of its kind to offer a training ground for hams wanting to learn the art of DXpeditioning. In total, the group made over 21,000 QSOs, and nearly 11,000 in the ARRL SSB Contest. The trip was a great success, and they are thinking of holding another trip in

October or November 2001 (also to Jamaica). If you are interested in attending, please send an E-mail message (to express your general interest) to: k2kw@prodigy.net

9N, NEPAL. Lawerence, **9N7RB**, in **Katmandu** is a good catch on 10 meters around 28447 or 28487 kHz. Check around/after 1330z and again 0130z.

A5, BHUTAN. Just a few more days to work Dimitri, RA9CO, as **A52CO**. His last day should be **March 21st**. He has been very active on 10 meters CW (very little SSB) at various time during the day. There has been some activity on 15, 20 and 40 meters. QSL via UA9DD.

ALL ASIAN DX CONTEST. Suzuki, JJ1ANW, informs OPDX that this summer "The Japanese Amateur Radio League" (JARL) will be sponsoring the "All Asian DX Contest." For more details and the rules, please refer to the JARL Web site at: http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/AA_Rule.htm

C6, BAHAMAS. Bill, AA7X, will be operating from **Treasure Key** from **March 24-31st** including the **CQ WPX SSB Contest**. His callsign will be **C6AKK**. QSL via AA7X.

DL, GERMANY. Nilay (XYL), TA3YJ, will be active as **DL/TA3YJ** from **March 25th to March 30th**. She will be active on all bands using SSB. QSL via TA3YJ.

D68C PRESS RELEASE. "The Five Star DXers Association" has released a four page bulletin (Number 6) with details and statistics of their record breaking DXpedition to Comoros. Because of its length/size, the D68C Bulletin No. 6 is available in RTF format at the K8YSE EIDX Web site at: http://www.papays.com/d68c_b6.rtf

DXCC NEWS..... Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager, reports that **XU7AAZ** has been approved for DXCC credit. It was on the bad list for lack of documentation. The documentation has been reviewed and it is OK. People can now receive DXCC credit. Anyone who has submitted it and had it rejected can contact DXCC, and their record will be updated without having to re-submit the card. Send an E-mail to: dxcc@arrl.org. If not, it can be included in the next submission.

DU, PHILIPPINES. Larry, N6HPX, is currently on vacation and is signing as **DU1/N6HPX** until about **April 10th**. He is on IOTA **OC-042**. Most of his activity has been on 14260 kHz between 1130 and 1300z. He was also reported on 6 meters on 50225 kHz at 0929z. QSL via N6HPX: Larry Fields, 1207 E. Victoria Ct., San Pablo, CA 94806

FRENCH POLYNESIA OPERATION QRT (FO0/A & FO0/M Possibly Next!). Eli, HA9RE, recently active from French Polynesia as **FO0ARE** between **February 27th and March 7th**, was active from **Tahiti Island** (**OC-046**, Windward Islands Group) between **February 27-28th**, and again from **March 6-7th**. The other place he operated from was on **Manihi** (**OC-131**, King George Islands Group) between **March 1-5th**. The QSL Manager is Kari, HA8IB. His current address is: Szabo Karoly, Aradistr. 42., H-5525 Fuzesgyarmat, HUNGARY. QSL via the bureau is also OK. Eli and his girlfriend Sara, HA9SD, have plans to go back to the Pacific Ocean during the autumn, possibly to the **Austral Islands** or to **Marquesas**.

GM7, SCOTLAND. Keith, GM4YXI, will be active during the **CQ WPX SSB Contest** using

the "North of Scotland Contest Group's" callsign **GM7V**. His activity will be a Single Op/Single Band (10m)/High Power entry. QSL as usual via ZS5BBO.

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE. Just a reminder that Ron, ZL1AMO, will be active from beginning around **March 21st for three week**. This operation is a special one because it will be his last DXpedition. We are sure many of you have worked Ron from many rare places and have many of his QSL cards. Ron is a very special, interesting DXer and person. Your editor is glad he had a chance to meet him many years ago at a NODXA meeting. Please show Ron thanks by working him from H40. He will probably sign **H40RW** or something with the "RW" suffix.

HB0, LIENCHTENSTEIN. A team of five French hams will be active from here from Friday, **March 23rd** to Monday, **March 26th**. Activity will be on the following bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. The team will use the callsign **HB0/F6KQL**. They will also be active during the **CQ WPX Contest**. QSL direct or throught the bureau to F6KQL: Radio Club MJC, 7 Rue de Longvic, 21300 Chenove, France.

HK0, MALPELO ISLANDS. Jairo, HK5MQZ, informs OPDX that he and Hiro, HK5QGX, will leave for Malpelo Island on April 6th. They plan to operate from **April 10-21st**. They will sign as **HK5MQZ/0** and **HK5QGX/0**. Activity will be on CW and SSB, 80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters. However, 160 and 6 meters will be optional. Jairo, HK5MQZ/0, will work SSB. QSL via Jairo Vargas, P.O. Box 10862, Cali, Colombia. Hiro, HK5QGX/0, will work CW. QSL via JA0MGR.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-079**. Take, **JI3DST/6**, will be active from **Miyako Island April 28th through May 6th**. Activity is planned for 15, 28 and 40 meters SSB/RTTY/SSTV. QSL via JI3DST.
- **AS-155**. Bob, EA7FGS, on the IOTA Committee, informs OPDX that **Lan-Yu Island** was given **AS-155**, and it is one of the islands in "Taiwan's Coastal Islands". **BV9O** was active from here during the past weekend.
- **EU-065**. Bernard/F9IE and Alain/F6BFH will be active as **homecall/p** from **Molene Island May 2-8th**. Activity will be on the IOTA frequencies SSB and CW. QSL to the bureau or via their home callsign.

IOTA OPERATION. Bill, VK4FW, has made plans to visit three Queensland State IOTA groups within the next 2 months. He is expected to activate the North Coast (Centre) Group **OC-172**, the Torres Strait Group **OC-138** and North Coast (North) Group **OC-187**. Bill expects to activate them one behind the other. QSL will be direct only. He also expects many of you to work him from all three locations, and if you do so, please include a minimum of 2 USD or 2 IRCs for cards. His callsign will be **VK4FW/p**. Bill will release more details as soon as all is finalized.

OH, ALAND ISLAND (and IOTA Operation). Ric, DL2VFR, reports that in less than one month he and Frank, DL2SWW, will be active from **Aland Island** (OH0 **EU-002**) from **April 14-20th** and **Vland Island** (SM7 EU-037) from **April 21-28th**. Their activity will be on CW/SSB/RTTY. He requests to please use the questionare on the following Web page to give them feedback (Where do you need them?): http://www.iota-expedition.com

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- 3D2TC QSL ROUTE. Bob, W7TSQ, informs OPDX that people continue to send QSL requests for contacts with **3D2TC** to him. He reports, "I do not know of any reason that I should appear as a manager for this station, I am not, never have been, have no logs and no cards!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" The only route is **DIRECT** to 3D2TC, Craig Thompson, Box 273 Suva, Fiji Islands S. Pacific. As there is no effective bureau there, DIRECT is the only way to go. Craig does QSL and has a nice QSL card. Bob, W7TSQ is, however, QSL Manager for **YB0AZ, YB3OSE, YB3ASQ, A35RK, A35SQ, 3D2RK, 3D2SQ, AH6PN/HR6, N7QXQ/HR6** and any **W7TSQ** operations ONLY!!!!!!!!!!
- Alex, PA1AW, is the QSL Manager for **5A24PA**. However, he is NOT the QSL Manager for 5A1A or any other activities by Abubaker. He is only expecting logs for 5A24PA only. Cards will be printed directly after completion of this special activity and after receipt of the logs. QSLs for 5A24PA go direct only to: Alex van Hengel, PA1AW, Schoener 85, 2991JK Barendrecht, The Netherlands. He is currently not committed to any bureau QSLing.
- QSLs for Richard, **CX2AQ**, can be sent to his QSL Manager EA5KB.
- Fran, EA7FTR, informs OPDX that he is currently the QSL Manager for the following stations: **CX8BU, OX3CO, TG9RZ, UN7GCE, VK7KHZ, YB4JIM, YC1VBH, ZP8AE** and **ZP8BHA**.
- NOT THE QSL MANAGER. Denny, GW3CDP, informs OPDX that he still continues to receive QSL cards for **EK4JJ**/Serge and **EK4GK**/Alex for which he is **NOT** the QSL Manager. The only route for EK4JJ and EK4GK is **DIRECT**. PLEASE CHANGE YOUR DATABASES. Denny is, however, the QSL Manager for **EY8XX** and **EW6WR**.
- **HK3JJH/HK0 QSLs**. Apparently, Carl, N4AA, Editor of QRZ DX, has worked a deal out with Pedro, HK3JJH, on QSLing for his 1999 operation. Cards should be sent to N4AA with an SASE. Carl will send the QSO data to Pedro by E-mail. Pedro will fill out the cards and send them to Carl in batches, and Carl will put them in the SASE for return to the sender. This might be a little slow, but cards will be answered without fear of losing them in the Colombian mail system.
- The log for the **PW0S** (St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks) is now available on the Web page at: http://www.soutomaior.eti.br/mario/ If there are any questions about QSOs not in the log or any other kind of problem, please send a message to the QSL Manager KU9C at: ku9c@arrl.net
- Mike, KQ0B, informs OPDX that anyone needing cards for Eli, **PT7BZ**, and as **PT7BZ/PY0F** can either send them direct to Eli, via bureau to PT7BZ or to Mike, KQ0B. Please note: Mike is awaiting Eli's latest log entries which should be sent to him shortly. He has already received the cards and will reply once he get Eli's log.
- QSLs for **XW3QBR, XW3ZNR, XU7AAY** and **XY7AAZ**. Roger, N4ZC, informs OPDX that IN3ZNR continues to be the correct QSL Manager for XW3QBR, XW3ZNR, XU7AAY and XU7AAZ .....but, for those USA stations that have not sent for their cards by now, or those wanting a faster reply, N4ZC has the complete logs and blank cards for those N.A stations that want a cheaper or faster way to get their cards. Those stations using U.S. postage may send a normal SASE for their cards to N4ZC. If you have already sent your cards to Italy, don't worry, all U.S. cards when answered will be sent in a box from IN3ZNR to N4ZC and mailed from N4ZC's NC QTH. If you must have a faster return for some reason, N4ZC can return N.A. cards within a day to two. Those stations outside N.A. should continue to use only IN3ZNR. They are working on answering cards

at this time.

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for station **TM0AR** to be active during the "**International Festival of Art and Technologies**" from **May 15-27th**. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters including the WARC bands. Reference DDFM - 72. QSL via F5TJC: Jean-Louis Briere-Lecomte, 18 Le Petit Saint Louis, 72400 Cormes, France.

TX8, NEW CALEDONIA (Update/Correction). Franck, FK8HC, informs OPDX that **FK8GM, FK8HW, LA5IIA** and Franck will sign with the callsign **TX8G** (not TX5G as reported last week) during the **CQ WPX Contest** as a Multi/Multi entry.

VB6, CANADA (Attention Prefix Hunters!). Todd, VE5MX, informs OPDX that he will be using the special callsign **VB6A** from VE6JY in the upcoming **CQ WPX SSB Contest**. All QSLs go via VE5MX, bureau preferred.

VP6CW AND VP6BK QRT. Robert, KD7H, spoke with Tom, VP6TC, Tuesday night, and he told him that Jacky/F2CW (VP6CW) and Kan/JA1BK (VP6BK) were on Pitcairn for the entire length of their VP6 operation. They were **not** on Ducie Island or any other island. The two operators are attempting to get Pitcairn admitted into the IARU and "then" perhaps Ducie will be a separate counter (new entity). The two operators left the island and might be active from other Pacific islands on their way home.

ZK1, NORTH AND SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Victor Rivera, **ZK1CG**, on South Cook is back on the air again after being off for 10 years. This is thanks to Roger/W7VV and Sue for the very kind donation of an IC-751A and a G5RV vertical. Victor will be operating on all bands from 160-10 meters. If conditions are good he will change bands with you so you can work South Cooks on all bands. He was spotted this past week on 20 meters (around 14200 kHz) between 0430-0700z. QSL only direct to: Victor Rivera, P.O. Box 618, Rarotonga Cook Islands (or use the info on QRZ.com Web site). Victor is clearing a back log of old QSLs from the past contacts he has made. If you worked ZK1CG from South or North Cook Islands in the past and did not receive a card, please send again. Also, look for Victor/ ZK1CG, Tuatai/ZK1CY (ZK1MA) and members from the WWDXC Club Roger/W7VV (ZK1VVV), Bob/W7TSQ (ZK1TSQ), and three others to be going to **Manihiki**, North Cook for the **CQWW SSB Contest** this year in October for one week. They will have 4, 5 and 7 element beams and will be active on 160-10 meters. On the return from North Cook, all operators will be active from South Cook. ADDED NOTE: Look for **ZK1MA** to be active from **North Cook**. Tuatai, **ZK1CY**, is leaving South Cook and is heading back to **Manihiki** on the next boat. Tuatai lives in Manihiki.

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